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## THE WAR.

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#### IMPORTANT BRITISH GAINS.

LONDON, April 27.  
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—  
The enemy unsuccessfully attacked, during the night, to the north-west of St. Quentin. He was driven off after sharp fighting. We captured the quarries on the eastern outskirts of Hargicourt, from where the enemy hurriedly fled. We captured important positions in the neighbourhood of the Arras-Cambrai road, and on the spur between Roubaix and Gavrelle.

#### 130 GUNS TAKEN BY THE FRENCH IN TEN DAYS.

LONDON, April 27.  
A French communique reports:—  
There is a fairly lively artillery struggle to the south of St. Quentin on the sector from Nanteuil-la-Fosse and Saucy and in the direction of Valle-aux-Bois.  
The Germans, in the night, attempted raids and partial attacks at various points on our front, which were easily beaten back by our machine guns and grenades with enemy losses, notably on the western edge of the forest on the St. Gobain sector, on Rheims and to the north-west of Auberive.

We undertook several successful minor operations in the regions of Hurbise and Cerny, gaining ground and taking prisoners.  
We carried several portions of trenches at Moronvillers and Massif and occupied a point d'appui to the east of Mont Sanson.

We raided the German lines at Bois-le-Pretre and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. We destroyed dugouts and brought back prisoners.  
We have taken 130 guns since April 16.

#### GERMAN REPORTS.

LONDON, April 27.  
A German official message, transmitted by wireless, reports:—On the battlefield at Arras the artillery activity on both sides has increased on a wide front.

We heavily repulsed, in hand-to-hand fighting, an attack on both sides of the Arras-Cambrai road.

The artillery battle is developing in violence on the Aisne and in the Champagne. Our infantry gained ground and took prisoners at Chemins-des-Dames.

The enemy lost eleven aeroplanes and two balloons.

#### AUSTRALIAN TRANSPORT TORPEDOED.

LONDON, April 27.  
The incoming Australian troopship *Ballarat* has been torpedoed.

There were troops on board, but all were saved.

The discipline was splendid, the men singing.  
The vessel remained afloat for four-teen hours.

#### DESTROYER RAID ON RAMSGATE.

MUCH FIRING BUT LITTLE  
DAMAGE.

LONDON, April 26.  
The Admiralty announces that last night several enemy destroyers opened fire in the direction of Ramsgate. The fire was immediately returned and the enemy were driven off after they had fired a large number of rounds.

Lord French states that a man and a woman were killed and a man and two women injured. Twenty-one dwellings and two stables were damaged. A large number of projectiles fell in open country.

#### THE PEACE PACT.

REPORTED ADHERENCE OF  
UNITED STATES.

LONDON, April 26.  
The *Morning Post* Washington Correspondent states that President Wilson has assured Mr. Balfour that the United States will not conclude a separate peace with Germany.

#### IMPERIAL PREFERENCE. DECISION OF THE IMPERIAL WAR CABINET.

LONDON, April 27.  
In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law stated that the Imperial War Cabinet had unanimously accepted the principle that each part of the Empire, having due regard to the interests of the Allies, shall give specially favourable terms and facilities to the produce and manufactures of other parts of the Empire. (Cheers.)

Mr. Outthwaite: How did they come to that decision when Australia was not represented at the Conference?

Mr. Bonar Law replied that the members of the Dominions represented had come to this decision. It did not at present include Australia.

Mr. King: Will any legislation be brought in in this connection in the near future?

Mr. Bonar Law: There is no intention whatever of making any change during war time.

Mr. Hunt: Does it apply to food stuffs?

Mr. Bonar Law: That question is left open in the War Cabinet's resolution. It does not involve the taxation of food.

#### EMPIRE LAND SETTLEMENT FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

LONDON, April 26.  
In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Kinloch Cooke, Mr. Steel Maitland said that a committee to consider the question of Empire Land Settlement for ex-soldiers and ex-sailors, had met and had appointed sub-committees. Their reports would not be completed in time for consideration by the Imperial War Conference.

#### MESOPOTAMIA.

#### ANOTHER TURKISH ATTEMPT FAILS.

#### ENEMY ENTRENCHING.

LONDON, April 27.  
An official despatch from Mesopotamia states that the 13th Turkish army corps, on Tuesday night, hastily retreated on both banks of the Tigris from Shatt-el-Adham towards the Jebel-Hamrin hills, where they are entrenching.

Thus the second attempt to interfere with General Maude's operations against the 18th army corps, has failed.

#### FIRE AT A MUNITIONS FACTORY.

LONDON, April 27.  
The Press Bureau announces that a fire, followed by a small explosion occurred at a munitions factory in the north of England this morning. One person was killed and four injured.

#### TURKEY AND THE DARDANELLES.

#### GRAND VIZIER'S MISSION TO BERLIN.

LONDON, April 26.  
A telegram received at The Hague states that Count Reventlow says the Turkish Grand Vizier is at Berlin in connection with a proposal to make a concession to Russia in connection with the Dardanelles.

#### FRENCH SHIPPING RETURNS.

PARIS, April 20.  
The French Admiralty's official report for the week ending April 22 states that there were 933 arrivals and 923 sailings. One vessel over 1,800 tons and two fishing vessels were sunk, and five vessels were unsuccessfully attacked.

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NOTICE.

ANY EUROPEAN, NON ASIATIC or INDIAN, desiring to leave the Colony should apply in person at the Central Police Station between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Applicants will be required to produce Passports or identification papers. All persons, with certain exceptions, who remain in the Colony for more than 7 days are required to register themselves under the REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE 1916. Forms of Registration giving the particulars required may be obtained at the G.E.O. and at all Police Stations.  
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The Honourable Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK will take the chair.

A. S. D. COUSLAND  
Hon. Secretary pro tem.

Hongkong, April 27, 1917. 1738

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Hongkong, April 24, 1917. 1730

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The true foundation of such a new era, we (Herald of Asia) are inclined to believe, is not the formation of an international federation of nations to enforce an ambitious nation of nations, for in that event the fate of a poor or backward people must be sealed forever as the masses under a hereditary system of slavery had no opportunity to rise. Neither can it be the forced boycott of preferential tariffs or otherwise of cheap but well-made goods, as a boycott is always a double-edged sword that injures both parties at the same time. The solution, once shown of his aggressive militarism will materially contribute to the sum total of human comfort and progress with his scientific mind and inimitable products. If he can not sell in foreign markets, on the other hand, he must revert to his former policy of buying material and disposing of finished goods duty free; and no reasonable nation would think of depriving any people or race of the right of existence.

Russia and China who have not yet fully developed their national industries and their export trade, it is true, may not have a chance of competing with protective tariff everywhere, cheaper capital and more skilled labour will pour in to regions where they will bring more profits than at home. After all therefore it is positively best for all parties concerned that an international free trade should be allowed to evolve the industry or industries suitable for each country, so long as there is no fear of armed conflict and consequent stoppage of importation between countries, economically interdependent. Compared with the state of things in Europe and America, Japan can hardly claim a place in the industrial world; but if she fails to make herself an economic entity in such far terms, she is certainly not entitled to the respect due an independent country. Should un-

qualified free trade prove too great a jump to the world after the exhaustion in human and material resources after the war, even a limited application of the principle, for example, to the industries likely to prosper in one community or in which foreign supply can not be depended upon, would appreciably minimize chances of economic friction. As with merchandise, so with labour. In countries where free immigration may usually injure native workers or affect political stability, an equal restriction on all nationalities would offend nobody and only benefit the industries of sparsely populated communities. Certainly there is no reason why the four great Powers on the Pacific can not form an economic group for mutual benefit.

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Forty-four repatriated British subjects who had recently been interned at Ruhleben arrived recently at Flushing. This is probably the largest number to be released by Germany in one batch.

Among those released was an English jockey, who spoke lightly of the manner in which English prisoners are now fed. "Parcels of food from home, he said, are now properly distributed."

There is a staff of 30 English policemen under the supervision of a captain. They keep order and line up the men at parade.

Recently permission was given to the men to leave the camp, but only on condition that they were willing to engage in such work as the Germans required. Many of them were employed at their own trade. One who had been a hairdresser, but he found such a scarcity of customers in the neighbourhood that he was glad to return to camp. There he was sold by the authorities he would have to pay a fine of £50, or suffer imprisonment, if he were admitted, and the other prisoners never saw him again.

A lady who had been in Silesia said the German people there were in a bad way, owing to scarcity of food. The Germans, she added, will do anything for money, and if you have it you can get anything. But the provision difficulties and restrictions hit the poor very hard. They are only allowed half a pound of meat a week, and they live principally upon roots, instead of vegetables, potatoes being particularly scarce. Butter is 22s. a pound and soap 13s. For general use the Germans use a soap substitute made of soda clay and sand.

ANZAC'S LITTLE JOKE.

PUSHING A BORROWED FRAM IN THE STRAND.

Why a soldier wheeling a perambulator with a baby in it should cause a crowd to collect and roar with laughter is a riddle for the higher type of intelligence, says a writer in a London paper, but he goes on to say:—

Yesterday afternoon in the Strand a crowd gazed with almost unconscious amusement at a sturdy Anzac pushing a pram, without a smile on his face. A woman walking close by uneasily translated his anxious expression when she said that the child was here, and the soldier had paid her for "a shovin' of it."

The baby was enjoying the fun, and when, opposite the Law Courts, about 30 Anzacs "mounted guard," the crowd grew so thick that the inevitable policeman strolled across with Riot Act written large on his countenance.

This Anzac is well known for his stunts. One of his comrades told me that he nearly caused a fatal accident on Saturday. Our Overseas liddle tried the old dodge of solemnly staring at a particular point in the sky. Others followed, and the power of suggestion caused every head to be craned towards a low lying cloud. There was even a suggestion of Zeppelins from one obsessed individual.

There was a stoppage of traffic; two buses were side-by-side, full on top. The little conductorette, gazing with the rest, stumbled with the sudden jerk and nearly toppled over. The cause of the trouble was discreet, as he saw what might easily have been a tragedy turned to comedy, and every body looking shyly at the other is the culprit.

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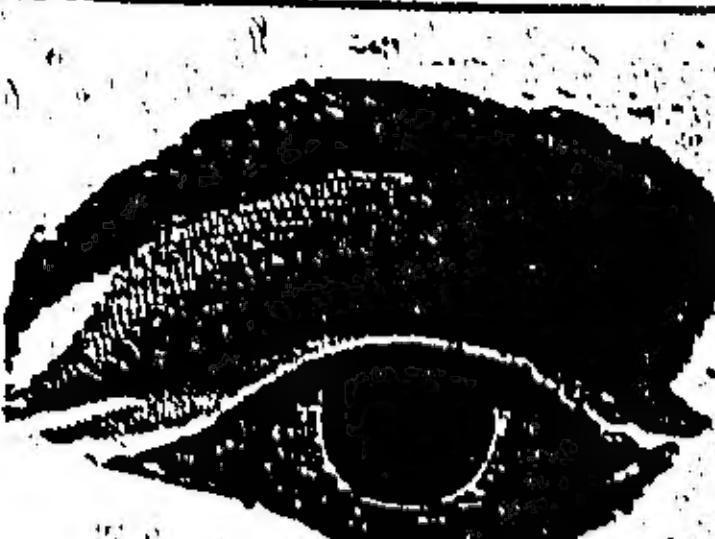
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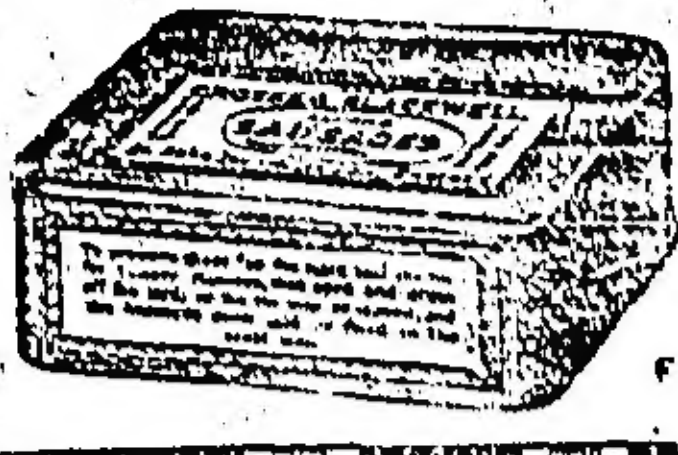
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## GERMANY'S BACK TO THE WALL.

### AMERICAN SAYS HUNGER WILL NOT BEAT HER.

Mr. Raymond E. Swing, late Berlin correspondent of the "Chicago Daily News," in the following interview given to the "London Daily Chronicle," expresses his personal opinion that Germany will never be brought to her knees by famine alone, notwithstanding her real sufferings. His impressions are interesting, as springing from a mind striving to work impartially, despite unavoidable German influence, and we give them with out adopting his views or conclusions, adds the London daily.

Paris, February 20th.

Meeting an American fresh from Berlin one instinctively asks him: "What is the situation in Germany?" Without reflecting that a proper answer to such a question would fill a good-sized volume.

A wonderfully graphic picture of Germany as he has seen the country has been drawn up by Mr. Raymond E. Swing, late Berlin correspondent of the "Chicago Daily News," who arrived in Paris yesterday. Mr. Swing has been in Germany since two years before the war, and has had exceptional opportunities of studying the effects of the war on our enemies and even on their allies.

"The spirit of the people generally," he told me, "is not greatly changed. It must not be forgotten though that the vast mass of the population, which in ordinary times would constitute the principal factor in the maintenance of public opinion, is with the armies or engaged on military work. The country may be said to be run by women just now; that is to say, women have taken the place of men in many branches of commerce and industry and in public services. They drive trams and they work on the farms with prisoners. The latter, by the way, are said to give great satisfaction, and in the main are not discontented with their treatment, although naturally chafing under the present regime.

"Knowing how important is this question of the treatment of prisoners, and speaking impartially after a number of visits to prisoners' camps, I am bound to say that cases of ill-treatment are exceptional. It is, I am convinced, the desire of the German Government that all the internment camps should be organized and conducted humanely, and where prisoners have been the victims of bad treatment the fault has almost invariably been traced to the personal negligence or ill-will of the camp-master.

"The Y.M.C.A. is doing excellent work in the camps. On the whole, the Germans themselves believe that prisoners are better off in England, on account, in a measure, of the different economic condition obtaining there.

"That brings me to the food question in Germany. It is terribly complicated. Let me say at once that the blockade is putting a fearful strain on the German population. Undoubtedly it is sapping their vitality. The death of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of weak or invalid German civilians is directly due to the lack of proper food, which would have kept them alive. But I do not think the blockade can have its full effects during the war. It is, however, undermining the health of the country, and Germany will pay for it in 50 years' time.

"In the country districts for the moment there is practically no dearth of food, at least of essentials. The number of cattle available is still considerable, even, indeed, being as numerous as in 1912. Pork, on the other hand, is scarce, as a result of one of those great Prussian blunders, which had for effect the wholesale slaughtering of pigs in order to ease out the potato supply.

"The truth is that the farmers had most unanimously declared only half their real potato stocks, and when the trick was discovered it was too late. The pigs were gone and the remainder of the potatoes had rotted.

"German food control has, in fact, been characterized by many errors and miscalculations, and the Germans have discovered that food control to be efficient must be combined with State Socialism, and the governing classes will not have that. Friction between the cities and the Agrarians has rendered the food problem more difficult. The Government's efforts to maintain some sort of equilibrium between the conflicting theories of the two classes, by fixing maximum prices, were a failure, the system proving to be a fallacy.

"The normal consumption of potatoes in Germany," said Mr. Swing, "is about 18 million tons. The last potato crop amounted to 25 millions, so that, despite all transport difficulties and other adverse conditions, there are really sufficient potatoes in the country for its needs. Temporary insufficiencies are met by the raising of meat rations. Just before, I left, in fact, the meat rations were raised to half a pound per week per head, and may be raised again, for, as I say, the cattle is there, only the Government wishes to husband it, in view of the crisis which is expected with potato.

"For families with many children, who do not eat meat, the ration gives adult members a very fair quantity, but one of the worst privations Germans endure is the scarcity of fat, the ration of two to three ounces per week being absolutely insufficient. Healthy men and women rapidly decline under this régime.

Mr. Swing stated that the actual buying of food, the waiting in queues at the shops, takes about two hours a day in every family. He added:—

"The falling health of the nation, as a whole, as a result of the blockade, is the main cause of the people's bitterness against the Allies, and is accepted as a justification of Germany's submarine campaign. All Germans are convinced of the justice of the submarine war, the few who oppose it do so on purely political grounds.

"The food question has become an obsession. German women talk of nothing but food and means of skirting their rations and making new combinations. Even among the intellectual classes, it is the main topic of conversation.

"Nor," he says, "is Germany finding short yet of war material. A successful substitute for copper has been found, while for the rest, it all exists in the country in one form or another.

In reply to my inquiry as to the moral of the German people, Mr. Swing said:—

"The Kaiser's peace proposal was the most popular event since the war, and disappointment was general at its rejection by the Allies. With the exception of the pan-German minority the German people do not clamour for territorial annexations. I do not think that they even care much what is done with Serbia.

THE THINKING GERMANS.

"There are many thinking people in Germany who do not share the Hamburg-Constantinople-Baghdad Railway scheme, and who are sceptical of the advantage to be derived from an expansion in the Near East. They hold the realisation of such a dream impossible. They consider that a real essential to Germany is a permanent open world-market. Meanwhile there is a distinct democratic tendency in Germany, and it is the general belief that, after the war parliamentary prerogatives will be extended.

"The Kaiser is as popular as ever. Politically, Germany, now that she has her back against the wall, is united in the firm belief that she is fighting in self-defence, and is as far as she ever was from seeing the necessity of suppressing an extension of national armament."

### WHO WAS IT WANTED WAR?

#### AUSTRIA'S SIGNIFICANT CONFESSION.

We are in a position, says the *Daily Chronicle*, to record a formal and categorical confession in the Austrian Press, proving that the Dual Monarchy desired and provoked the war. The leading Vienna paper, "Kaiserliche Presse," in its issue of January 5, frankly states that the Serbian Government's reply to the Austro-Hungarian ultimatum of July 23, 1914, satisfied all the demands of the Monarchy save one. This is the first time that a Viennese journal—and a very influential one—has made this avowal.

"The Serbian Government," says the paper, "in fact only refused to accept one of the demands embodied in the whole Austrian ultimatum—namely, the request that our police organisation should co-operate in guarding the frontiers, and other similar measures."

"Since, therefore, Serbia accepted all the points of the ultimatum—except one, which was known beforehand to be unacceptable—why was war declared against her, and why was the whole world set in a blaze? Why, indeed?"

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He was called to say that he had never personally given the slightest grounds for an entry in Miss Graham's diary, which spoke of some utterances of his as "filth."

Before leaving the witness-box the Archbishop, whose evidence was very brief, said, "I should like to make some protest against being brought here. It seems to me to be an abuse of subpoena. I have had to cancel four public engagements in order to be asked about the delusions of some person whom I do not know, and express an opinion upon a subject on which any intelligent person is as competent to express an opinion as I am."

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The Bishop of Victoria will preside, and Addresses will be delivered by LIEUT. L. E. (2nd Batt. Middx. Regt.) and the Revd. H. E. ANDERSON, (Sub-Agent, B.F.B.S.)

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## MEMO. FOR TO-DAY.

8.15 p.m.—"Scenes from Shakespeare" in Theatre Royal.

## MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture etc. at No. 9, Humphrey's Buildings, Kowloon.

6 p.m.—Annual Meeting of the British and F. Bible Society.

## General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, May 1:—

10 a.m.—Exhibition of War Work by Queen Mary's Needlework Guild.

3.45 p.m.—Sanitary Board Meeting.

WEDNESDAY, May 2:—

Meeting of the H.K. Overseas Club.

THURSDAY, May 3:—

Noon.—Canton Insurance Office Meeting.

5.30 p.m.—Meeting of the Constitutional Reform Association of Hongkong.

FRIDAY, May 4:—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, etc., etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.

SATURDAY, May 5:—

Noon.—Hongkong Electric Co. Meeting.

SUNDAY, May 6:—

Accession of King George (1916).

WEDNESDAY, May 9:—

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The Great Northern Telegraph Co. announces that there is heavy delay on cable telegrams to Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Montague Ede are passengers for the North by the s.s. *Katori Maru* leaving at 11 a.m. to-morrow.

Once more we give the reminder that the final performance of "Scenes from Shakespeare" takes place at the Theatre Royal to-night at 8.15.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 14th April amounted to 66,836 tons, and the sales, during the period to 24,645 tons.

A Chinese shopkeeper at No. 32 Bonham Street has reported to the Police that he yesterday entrusted his foki with \$1,065, with which to pay bills, and the latter absconded.

## THE HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

## SOME INTERESTING QUESTIONS.

Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, pursuant to notice, is to ask the following questions at next Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board:—

I.—What steps (if any) have been taken by the Government to carry out the recommendation made by the Board on the 12th December last that the area of Crown Land lying between Des Vieux and Connaught Roads opposite the Sailors' Home should be laid out as a depot for the storage and sorting of poultry at the earliest possible date, such recommendation having been made with a view to the abatement of the nuisance occasioned by such storage and sorting in No. 10 and 11 King Street?

II.—What steps (if any) have been taken to carry out the resolution of the Board passed on the 10th March, 1914, for the cleansing of certain beaches of the Colony from floating debris?

III.—In view of the approaching bathing season, will the Head of the Sanitary Department take steps for the periodical scavenging of the bathing beaches of the Colony, and the exclusion of pigs from such beaches?

IV.—Will the Head of the Sanitary Department recommend the Government to clear the undergrowth and cut the grass on all Crown Land within 200 yards of any dwelling house periodically in order to remove cover for mosquitoes and other noxious animals and organisms?

V.—Does the Medical Officer of Health consider the flowering privet injurious to health? If so, will he recommend the Government to have it removed from all Crown Land in the vicinity of dwelling houses and public roads and paths?

## QUEEN MARY'S NEEDLEWORK GUILD.

## EXHIBITION OF WORK TO BE HELD.

At the City Hall on Tuesday next between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., the local branch of Queen Mary's Needlework Guild has arranged for an Exhibition of the War Work which is being done by the ladies of the Colony. The object of the Exhibition is to show the public the work that is being sent home from Hongkong every week, and the use to which anything sent to the working parties can be put. Lists published from time to time in the newspapers have shown that the Guild is doing a great and important work in the Colony, but valuable as that help has been in the past, we need only point to the news which is now coming from the front of the commencement of fighting on a much greater scale than heretofore, in order that we may emphasize the need for such help as the Guild affords. It is perhaps hardly necessary to mention that the Guild is financed by the War Charities Committee; but every woman's help is needed for making the articles required. Lady Rees Davies is the Hon. Secretary. Admission to the Exhibition will be free, and every one will be welcome.

## APPOINTMENTS NOTIFIED IN THE "GOVERNMENT GAZETTE."

The King's Exequatur empowering Monsieur U. R. Reau to act as Consul for France in Hongkong has received His Majesty's signature.

The King's Exequatur empowering Mr. E. V. M. Ricci de Sousa to act as Consul for Ecuador in Hongkong has received His Majesty's signature.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint 2nd Lieutenants H. R. B. Hancock and C. W. Boswick to be Lieutenants, and Dr. H. Bolein to be a Surgeon-Lieutenant, Hongkong Volunteer Reserve, and to place Captain G. K. Hall Brutton, Captain D. Landale, and 2nd Lieutenants F. Gröne and J. W. C. Bonnar on the Supernumerary List of Officers, Hongkong Volunteer Reserve, all with effect from the 25th April, 1917.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. J. Thomson to act as Second Assistant Government Marine Surveyor during the absence on leave of Mr. Robert Hall or until further notice, with effect from the 20th April, 1917.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint the following gentlemen to be Justices of the Peace for the Colony of Hongkong:—

Abdoolhossen Abdoolahim, Hon. Mr. Charles Edward Anton, George Winstanley Barton, Reginald Edward Oliver Bird, Cyril Champkin, Chow Shou-son, Charles Herbert Philpott Hay, Francis Charles Jenkin, Archibald Orr Lang, Antonio Ferreira Batalha Silva-Neito, Thomas Luff Perkins, Ernest Alfred Montford-Williams.

The name of Mr. George Hutton Potts is restored to the List of Non-official Justices, and the name of Mr. Paul Mary Hodgson is transferred from the List of Official Justices to the List of Non-official Justices.

With reference to Notification No. 158 of the 14th April, 1917, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. W. J. Hinton to be a member of the Committee referred to in the place of the Honourable Mr. Edward Shellin, resigned, and to add the name of the Honourable Mr. P. H. Holyoak.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint, under Section 10 of the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884, and Section 3 of the Dentistry Ordinance, 1914, Dr. Oswald Marriott to be a Member of the Medical Board and of the Dental Board, respectively, during the absence on leave of Dr. F. O. Steadman or until further notice, with effect from this date.

## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.

The Report of the Board of Directors to the twenty-eighth ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders, is as follows:—

Your Directors have the pleasure to submit the accompanying Statement of the Company's Accounts for the year ending 28th February, 1917.

The Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account available for appropriation is \$620,499.36, and your Directors recommend that this be disposed of as follows:—

To pay a Dividend of 2½ per cent.—\$22.25 per share on 60,000 Shares.....\$135,000.00  
To pay a Bonus of 75 cents per Share.....45,000.00  
To place to Reserve.....100,000.00  
To write off Plant Account for depreciation.....175,000.00  
To write off new Property Account for depreciation.....40,000.00  
To write off Furniture Account for depreciation.....392.10  
To pay a Bonus to Staff.....11,357.15  
To carry forward to next Account.....113,750.11  
\$620,499.36

Directors.—Hon. Mr. D. Landale having resigned or leaving the Colony, Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton was invited to fill the vacancy. This appointment requires the confirmation of Shareholders.

## THE MAGISTRACY.

## AMMUNITION SEALED IN FRUIT TINS.

A Chinese passenger from San Francisco, whilst transshipping aboard the s.s. *Tai Lee*, was arrested on the charge of attempting to export a quantity of ammunition from the Colony and appeared before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning.

Inspector Brazil stated that the ammunition was discovered sealed in four fruit tins, which were found in the defendant's baggage aboard the s.s. *Tai Lee*.

The defendant, who was represented by Mr. Leo D'Almada, pleaded not guilty to the charge, explaining that upon his departure from San Francisco, the four tins were given to him as a present. Not having opened the tins, he had believed that they contained preserved fruit.

His Worship, however, imposed a fine of \$84, and ordered that the ammunition be confiscated.

## UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF OPIUM.

In Mr. Wood's Court this morning a coolie, arrested in Connaught Road Central, was charged with the unlawful possession of 50 tins of prepared opium other than Government opium; and a sampan woman, arrested in Connaught Road West, was charged with the unlawful possession of 35 tins of prepared opium other than Government opium.

Both defendants pleaded not guilty, stating that they were merely employed as carriers.

After evidence was heard, however, His Worship sentenced each defendant to six months' hard labour.

## AN OLD OFFENDER.

Don Manuel George Sequeira, native of Brazil and a local character, was again before Mr. Melbourne this morning.

The defendant, whose record showed more than twenty previous convictions for minor offences, pleaded guilty to the charge of begging in Queen's Road Central.

Inspector Garrod, Inspector of Traffic, informed the magistrate that the defendant had accosted several persons in Queen's Road Central and asked them for money with which to buy clothes.

His Worship remarked that he recognized the defendant as an old offender and imposed a fine of five dollars, with the alternative of seven days' hard labour.

## A CHARGE OF POCKET PICKING.

Two hawkers, charged with pocket picking, were brought before Mr. Wood this morning.

It was alleged that the defendants had stolen a watch (valued at five dollars) from the person of a passenger aboard the s.s. *Chung Chien*, whilst the steamer was moored at the Tung Wo Wharf.

The defendants pleaded not guilty and after evidence was heard they were discharged.

## HONGKONG AEROPLANE FUND.

## LIST 3.

H.M.N. Nemazea.....\$ 200.00  
Proceeds from dinner at Grand Hotel, per Mr. J. Reichman.....190.00  
A. H. Skelton.....150.00  
Duncan Clark.....150.00  
Supporter.....100.00  
N. J. Stabb.....100.00  
A. A.....50.00  
J. H. May.....50.00  
Warren Co.....25.00  
A. Abdoolahim.....25.00  
J. J. E. W.....20.00  
H. H. Sandeman.....20.00  
H. R. Mogra (2nd subscription).....11.00  
H. E. Haywood.....10.00  
S. E. J.....10.00  
W. C. Shiner.....10.00  
S. K. H.....10.00  
A. Campbell.....10.00  
F. A. Mackintosh.....10.00  
C. Crispin.....10.00  
Fook Sik.....10.00  
R. B.....10.00  
R. H. G. Castello, C. W. Olson, D. H. Ritchie, and A. J. Walters, \$5 each.....25.00

Previously acknowledged.....\$1,906.00

Total.....\$3,358.39

The Defence of the Realm Loans Commission recently considered the claim of the Port of Manchester Warehouses, Limited, for compensation.

Evidence was called to show that but for the military occupation of certain warehouses they could readily have been filled with privately owned stock. For purposes of reference the various warehouses were distinguished by letters of the alphabet, and a laugh was caused when counsel asked the chairman of the commission, in continuation of previous questions, "Now, will you go to L. A. I hope not," replied the witness, with a smile, "I am sorry, observed counsel, I assure you I did not think of it. Will you go to one of the warehouses?"

## BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

DURING the summer months children are subject to disorders of the bowels and should receive the most careful attention. As soon as any unusual looseness of the bowels is noticed Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy should be given. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## SHOWS AND AUTRES CHOSSES.

## [BY "SPECTATOR"]

What with the St. George's Day festivities and the public manifestation of the feeling of the Colony upon future relations with the Germans, we have had quite an exciting week!

Early on the morning of St. George's Day I sought an interview with the Patron Saint of Merrie England, Elbowing my way through the crowd of Spring Poets who had rushed to welcome him, I beheld (in vision) St. George mounted on his gaily-caparisoned charger, clad cap-a-pie in armour, holding in his left hand an expansive shield with red cross emblazoned thereon, and in his right a trusty lance, he looked for all the world like the pictures of him by a local artist displayed on all the hoarings of the city, so that all the world might readily recognise him.

"How do, Sir Knight!" quoth I, "Long time no have see in Hongkong."

I detected a cynical smile overspreading his countenance as he replied: "In good sooth, my friend, 'tis long since the men of Merrie England here did honour me with an invitation to come among them."

There is no need now to relate all the conversation that passed between us. I thought he seemed quite jealous of St. Andrew, but I have no doubt that as the day wore on and when he came to know that his presence had brought something like \$30,000 to the War Charities Fund, he felt compensated for the long years of neglect by the Englishmen in this colony to do him honour.

But why didn't St. George rally forth in full armour on his charger through the streets of the city unto the ramparts thereof? The Chinese could have provided the necessary dragons to enable him to display his prowess with the trusty lance, thereby to earn the plaudits—and the pence—of the multitude. I make a present of this suggestion for the next observance of the anniversary.

It was a happy idea to associate Shakespeare with the observance of St. George's Day, because April 23rd happens to be also the anniversary of Shakespeare's birth. But I rubbed my eyes with astonishment when I read in one of the papers that the music played for the kitchen scene of "Twelfth Night" and for the scene from the "Merry Wives of Windsor" was the music of "Kismet" Eh, what! Old English scenes with the music of Bagdad! I didn't recognise any of the music myself as such, and I am relieved to know that even the composer of the Kismet music also failed to recognise it.

As a matter of fact, the "music played in the production was music used some five years ago when Mr. Denman Fuller and Mr. Sinclair produced a well-remembered series of exquisite scenes under the title of "Impressions in Light and Shade." Owing to there not being time to orchestrate and rehearse more than a small section of his new compositions, Mr. Fuller had no choice but to rely almost entirely on the "Impressions" music. But it is entirely unlike the Kismet music!

On the subject of the singing at the Shakespearean performances, the Chorus is to be congratulated upon the improvement in their appearance on the occasion of the second performance. On the first night their close proximity to the footlights gave them countenances of deathly pallor. On Wednesday their appearance, with but one or two exceptions, suggested that the chorus had spent a day or two basking in the sunshine by the seashore! But the transformation was doubtless one of the secrets of the green room!

Appropos of the Theatre, it has been interesting during the past day or two to hear the various estimates people gave regarding the seating capacity of the Theatre Royal. One estimate has placed the attendance at the Theatre, when the public meeting was held there on Thursday night, at 1,700. My impression was that the seating accommodation of the Theatre was about 600; but when a friend commenced to argue with me by saying that a single row in the Dress Circle will seat 40 people, and that the Dress Circle alone would accommodate something like 400 people, my notion was rudely shaken. Inquiry at the source of definite information on the subject, however, confirmed my original impression. There is seating accommodation in the theatre for only 678 persons, distributed approximately as follows:

Dress Circle, 203; Orchestra Stalls, 207; Box Stalls, 60; Pit, 100; and two boxes (to seat 4 each) 8. There must have been quite 100 persons standing at the meeting on Thursday, so that if we say there were 700 persons present we shall be very near the mark.

The warning published in the Volunteer and Volunteer Reserve Orders on the day of the meeting against the appearance of members of these organisations at the meeting in uniform created a little sensation. Was there to be a sudden mobilisation of the Corps, perhaps half an hour before the time for meeting? No: it was just an effort of the imagination. The uniform was entirely absent from the meeting, but the men were there!

It was interesting to notice that only one of the local newspapers expressed the view editorially that "to proclaim exclusion of Germans is not the best policy"; but it is still more interesting to see the Chairman of the Company owning the paper, writing in its columns to-day to say that he is thoroughly in accord with the motives of the Resolution which was passed by the members of the Chamber of Commerce, and differed from the resolution (so far as it went) only as regards the period of proscription, which Mr. Scott Harrison would prefer to see reduced to three years.

The following communication was evidently intended for Mr. Fritz Hogenheimer, who advertised in the *China Mail* the other day his desire to give lessons in German to any one needing them, in view of the return of Germans to the Colony after the war:—

Dear Sir—With reference to your advertisement, I should be delighted to exchange English lessons for your German. We could meet and discuss the subject any day at Happy Valley. No gloves. I should add that your bob-naild boots—Yours faithfully,

JOHN BULL.

## COMMERCIAL.

## HONGKONG SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Moxon and Taylor, in their Share Report, dated April 27th say:—

"The week under review has been devoid of interest, our market, with very little doing. The general tone is dull, probably due to settlement influences."

In Shanghai the market seems very quiet, although Cottons more or less maintain the level of last week. Rubber is quoted 3.01 "Plantation," at which sales have been effected.

Marine Insurance—Unions remain firm at \$915, with small sales at the rate. Customs at \$374, are neglected. North China at \$150, are without business. Yangtze remain unchanged at \$217 ex dividend.

Fire Insurance—Hongkong Fires are still in request at \$330, and China Fires at \$155.

Shipping—Douglases after apparently undue depression have reacted to a higher level and after a fair amount of business between \$80 and \$88 for cash, close with buyers at \$85. Deferred index rose during the week to \$126, but declined on the eve of settlement to a selling rate of \$124. At the close there are buyers at that price. Star Lines have eased off slightly, and have now sellers at \$33. Steamboats could be placed at \$171.

Exchange—China Sugars have been the medium of a certain amount of business round about \$114, and close steady at the rate. Malisons are very quiet at \$32.

Oils and Mining—Langkats remain unchanged in the North with buyers at \$15. 17½. Reuts have advanced slightly to a buying quotation at \$2.40, possibly on the rumour that this Company own a Rubber plantation as well as a Mine. Trovaks are on offer at 27½. 8d. Ural Copians have slightly improved in London, and average quoted \$18. Shellies remain without business, and locally.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns in Kowloon Wharves have been sold in considerable numbers round about \$80 and close with buyers at that price. Hongkong Docks have been done for the Settlement at \$121, but there are buyers at this. Shanghai Docks are firm at \$15. 90 in Shanghai.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS—Centrals are nominal at \$100, West Points at \$77, and Hongkong Lands at \$97. Humphreys are quoted \$61, buyers with little or no business. Kowloon, Hongkong Hotels at \$102 are neglected.

Corroty Mills—In Shanghai the market seems to be well maintained. Shanghai Cottons have been done at \$12. 122 and \$12. 121 for cash. Evos would probably be placed at \$15. 151, and Kung Yiks are in steady demand at \$15. 144. Yangtzeopos have spurted upwards, and a fair business has been done at \$15. 570, and somewhat higher rates. At the close there are buyers at \$15. 570.

Electric Companies—Hongkong Electric have changed hands at \$254. China Lights at \$44 are still in demand. Hongkong Trams are now quoted at \$6.50 seller, ex final dividend, (48 cents).

Macellars—China Providents at \$8, are nominal, as are China Bonds. Cements are in steady demand at \$8.10, after sales. William Powells now command \$8.00. Dairy Farms are in request at \$22. Water Boats at \$16, and Hongkong Ice at \$157 without business.

Exchange—The demand rate on London is 2/4 0-16 and the T. T. selling rate on Shanghai is 67.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—

How Tung & Co. \$10



## TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

## HONOURING THE PREMIER.

## FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF LONDON CONFERRED.

## SPEECH BY THE PREMIER.

LONDON, April 27.

There was a distinguished assembly at the Guildhall on the occasion of the conferring of the Freedom of the City on the Premier, The Rt. Hon. Mr. Lloyd George. All the Dominions and Indian representatives were present, and also Lord Curzon, Lord Milner, Mr. Arthur Henderson, numerous Peers and Commons. The Premier had a great reception upon his arrival.

The Premier began his speech by emphasizing the growing British superiority over the Germans. In June 1915, we had lost 84 guns and a considerable number of prisoners. Since then we had not lost a single gun and have captured 400, while we have taken ten Germans for every Britisher they have taken. (Cheers.) Vimy Ridge with 200 guns was captured with a fifth of the loss sustained by the French in their losses in the early days when they had inferior equipment. All this meant ultimate victory at Ypres. The Germans know that, hence their despair which has resulted in black piracy.

Mr. Lloyd George said that he would not say that the war would last through to 1918, but that they were taking no risks, hence the immensely increased cultivation and elaborate food measures. The future of the country depended on how much politicians had learned. The Empire must be consolidated in future, before war, not during war, and the results of the Empire must become a reality. (Cheers.)

## FIVE REPORT OF THE SPEECH.

After referring to our captures in guns and prisoners, Mr. Lloyd George continued: Our victory is becoming increasingly assured. Submarine warfare is the worst problem we have to meet, and we mean to meet it. (Cheers.) Germany means to make the seas absolutely impassable for any craft. That is essential to victory for them. It is essential to victory for us that they should fail. Don't let us minimise the gravity of the situation. Unless we appreciate it, we cannot meet it. This problem has worried us for at least two and a half years. At first the Germans themselves did not realise the potency of the weapon. Later they concentrated on building submarines. Since the Germans determined to sink all craft indiscriminately they had sunk our ships, but they had brought America in. (Cheers.) I am perfectly satisfied with the balance. (Cheers.) America at length saw it was useless waving the neutral flag in the face of the shark. (Cheers.) The best brains of the Allies are applied to the submarine problem. It would be unwise to say more at present, but, believe me, we are concentrating on this problem. I have never seen an insoluble human problem, and I don't believe this is an exception.

## THE FOOD PROBLEM.

Mr. Lloyd George outlined the steps taken by the Government Departments to deal with the food problem. He said the farmers were now cultivating ten per cent. more land than before the war. The farmer had been given a guarantee; so had his labourers, and after the feverish activity of the last few months we had a million acres of fresh land under cultivation, meaning the addition of two million tons of food. (Cheers.)

The Premier continued: I am not going to say that the war will continue through 1918, but we must take no chances. (Cheers.) We have taken far too many. If the German knows that by holding out until the end of 1918 he can win by starving us, he will hold out, but he also knows that the longer he holds out the worse it will be for him. Hence, peace might come much earlier. We are taking steps now for the harvest in 1918, and not a minute too soon. Three million fresh acres of land are being put into cultivation, and even without a ton of food being brought from abroad,

no one can starve us. (Cheers.) But all must help. You have your rations. Keep to them. The kitchen must help as well as the workshop and the trenches. If these steps for cultivation had been taken a year or eighteen months ago, we should have had no danger about food now. We might not have had enough wheat, but there would have been cereals. Oats and barley are very good food. I was brought up on them. (Laughter.)

## SHIPPING AND EXPORTS.

Turning to shipping, Mr. Lloyd George said the cutting down of imports last year was not adequate. In addition to the saving of a million and a half tons last year, new arrangements were now working to stop an additional six million tons of imports. Arrangements were also being made whereby ultimately imports would be cut down by over ten million tons yearly, without interfering with any essential industry.

Furthermore, we are going to save all the timber. We are making arrangements whereby we can get most of our minerals worked in the mines of Great Britain. (Cheers.) We shall be getting four million tons of coal in addition to what we are getting now out of this country by August next, and our blast furnaces will be adapted for that purpose. You know what ten million tons of imports mean. If this had been saved a year ago there would now have been a year's supply of wheat stored in this country.

There are eighty-five million bushels of wheat in Canada—I would not say for the asking, but for the bidding. It ought to have been here. I believe about twenty or thirty million bushels of it had to go to the United States for lack of other markets. We must cut down our food until we discover the method of destroying this ocean bacillus. That is one thing that has got to be done, but not all. We are building ships. The Shipping Controller already has made arrangements whereby we get three times, possibly four times, as many new ships in 1917 as last year.

## [The speech is not complete.]

## THE MACEDONIAN FRONT.

## BRITISH REPULSE HEAVY COUNTER-ATTACKS.

LONDON, April 27.

A British official despatch from Salonika reports: We repulsed two heavy counter-attacks on Wednesday night on the Doiran-Vardar front. We are continuing to consolidate our new positions.

## THE LABOUR REVOLTS IN GERMANY.

AMSTERDAM, April 26.

A message from Berlin states that in the Reichstag Committee Herr Groener described the recent strikes as a hypothesis of the masses, which was partly due to inflammatory matter smuggled from abroad. He said that in future, strikes would not be tolerated, but to enable the workers to voice their complaints, labour representatives would be appointed to the food organisations. The German papers are very anxious with regard to the possibility of further trouble on May 1st (Labour Day).

The *Lokalanzeiger* states, that incitements of the munition workers and sedition steadily continue.

The *Berliner Tageblatt* says that a very dangerous game with fire is being played in Berlin.

## GERMANS IN MEXICO.

## MEXICAN GOVERNMENT'S WARNING.

WASHINGTON, April 26.

The State Department learns officially that the Mexican Government has warned Germans in Mexico that any concentration of them near the border will result in their arrest.

## LLOYD'S "INDEX" SUSPENDED.

LONDON, April 28.

Lloyd's Weekly Index has been suspended.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## THE FRENCH FRONT.

## ARTILLERY BUSY.

LONDON, April 26.

A French communiqué says:—There has been great reciprocal artillery activity in the Westende sector in Belgium.

The Germans have not renewed their attacks between the Aisne and Chemin-des-Dames after their sanguinary defeats of yesterday.

There has been a furious artillery duel in the sectors of Comy and Hurbise.

Six German aeroplanes were felled in airbattles between the 23rd and 24th, in addition to sixteen which were seen to fall in the enemy lines seriously damaged.

## MR. BONAR LAW'S SON.

AMSTERDAM, April 26.

The *Lokalanzeiger* says that Mr. Bonar Law's son is a prisoner of the Turks in Palestine.

## A SCANDINAVIAN CONFERENCE.

STOCKHOLM, April 26.

The Foreign Ministers of Sweden, Norway and Denmark will confer at Stockholm from May 9th to May 11th.

## SPAIN AND GERMANY.

## REFORMIST PARTY DEMANDS A RUPTURE.

MADRID, April 26.

The Reformist Party have issued a manifesto which demands the abandonment of neutrality and a rupture with Germany.

## GERMAN "GENEROSITY" TO NEUTRALS.

AMSTERDAM, April 26.

A Berlin message says that Germany has offered safe conduct, to neutral vessels, sheltering in British harbours, with foodstuffs for their countries.

## AUSTRIAN IRON TRUST.

## DISSOLUTION HURTS GERMANY.

ZURICH, April 26.

The Austrian Iron Trust has been dissolved. This is a blow to German industrial influence in Austria, as the Trust was backed by German capital.

## WAR CHARITIES FUND.

(SUBSCRIPTION LIST, No. 14.)

General:—

Some Members of the Hong Kong Club ..... 10.00

20% of the commission on the Hongkong (China) Steamship Co. Ltd. (1917) ..... 100.00

Hon. Mr. Charles Stewart (monthly subscription) ..... 50

Staff of Messrs. A. S. Watson &amp; Co. Ltd. (monthly sub.) ..... 40

Mrs. T. Robinson ..... 50

Wesleyan Church Working Party ..... 50

Mr. G. A. Hastings ..... 250

(Ghar Singh (monthly sub.) ..... 5

Wong Suk Wing (monthly subscription) ..... 100

Britishers (monthly sub.) ..... 100

Staff of Messrs. Lane, Crawford &amp; Co. (monthly sub.) ..... 100

Interest to 31/10/16 on London account £78,175 at 2 1/2% ..... 660.17

H.E. Sir Henry May, K.C.M.G. (monthly sub.) ..... 250

Mr. C. Thorne (monthly sub.) ..... 50

A. W. (monthly sub.) ..... 5

Mr. S. G. Newall ..... 40

Mr. J. W. B. Allan ..... 15

Messrs. Peat, Marwick &amp; Co. (monthly subscription) ..... 100

Mr. C. B. Brooke (monthly subscription) ..... 25

Chief Inspector Kerr (monthly subscription) ..... 5

Inspector Gordon (monthly subscription) ..... 5

Sergeant Cooper (monthly subscription) ..... 1

Sergeant Willis (monthly subscription) ..... 1

Indian Con. 247 "A" H. Ghaur (monthly subscription) ..... 50

Ladies' Working Party of the Union Church (monthly subscription) ..... 50

N. L. (monthly sub.) ..... 50

25% on the "Eskic" Derby Sweep ..... 375

"Forty Eight" ..... 48

E. V. Mitchellmore ..... 5

Keechong Sweep ..... 150

Kowloon British School ..... 21.25

Collected at the Hongkong Cricket Club Ground at the tennis match between S. E. Green and Mr. W. Isard Pedersen (monthly subscription) ..... 10

Mr. Vald Bjarne (monthly subscription) ..... 10

Mr. W. Andersen (monthly subscription) ..... 10

Miss H. S. Fletcher ..... 50

"Old Soldier" ..... 100

Victoria British School ..... 12

Licensed Ricksha Proprietors per Inspector Terrett ..... 100

Ip Fan ..... 100

Chan Hing ..... 35

Wong Tin and Wong Fan ..... 30

Wong Hoi ..... 25

Wong Chau See ..... 25

Wong Pak ..... 20

Chau Pak Sing ..... 20

Tun Koo Fook ..... 20

Wong Zan In ..... 10

## THE BRIBERY SCANDAL AT PEKING.

## OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS.

## REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATORS.

The following is a translation of the report submitted by Hsia Shou-kang and Chang Chien-tan, the two investigators appointed by the President to investigate the bribery case alleged to have been committed by the Minister and Vice-Minister of Finance:—

"Upon the receipt of Your Excellency's order, we proceeded with our investigation by first making inquiries of Councillor Yu respecting this case. According to his reply, Vice-Minister Yin Jun-ti attempted to offer bribes to other officials on behalf of the merchants as 'consideration' for the granting of certain conditions. Inquiries of the Minister of Finance elicited the information that Vice-Minister Yin did actually act as an intermediary on behalf of the merchants to offer him a bribe as a consideration for certain proposals in favour of the merchants and that the bribe offered by the Vice-Minister was rejected by the Minister."

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Saturday, 5th May:—

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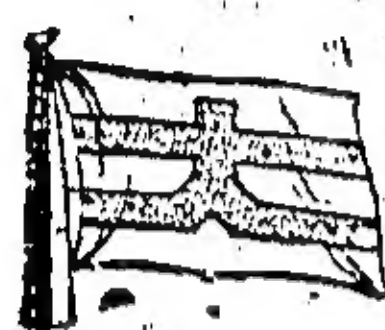
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## U.M.C.A. DIVISION.

Tuesday, May 1st—  
8 p.m. Bandage Practice. Corporal  
Wei Kan will take charge.  
9 p.m. Squad and Company Drill.  
Wednesday, May 2nd—  
8 p.m. First Aid Lecture by Divi-  
sional Surgeon S. F. Lee.  
9 p.m. Squad and Company Drill.  
SARVING DIVISION.  
Drills and Lectures will in future take  
place at Queen's College, unless other-  
wise stated.  
Monday, April 30th—  
7 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.  
Wednesday, May 2nd—  
7 p.m. Gymnastics, Bandage Prac-  
tice.  
Friday, May 4th—  
7 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.  
QUEEN'S COLLEGE DIVISION.  
Tuesday, May 1st—  
4.15 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.  
Wednesday, May 2nd—  
12.40 p.m. Gymnastics. Members of  
the Nanyang Division may attend.  
Friday, May 4th—  
4.15 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.  
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Tuesday, May 1st—  
5.15 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.  
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## CHURCH SERVICES.

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## 3RD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, 29TH APRIL.

Morning Communion (7.30 a.m.)  
Matins (11 a.m.)  
Responses: Ferial: Venite, Salvate.  
Psalm: Psalm 124. Deum, Sanctus.  
Gospel: Luke 24. 1-48.  
Hymns 129, 271.  
God Save the King.

Evening (6 p.m.)  
Responses: Ferial: Psalm, Halleluiah.  
Stanza: Magnificat, Matthew (8th  
morning); Nunc Dimittis, Hayes  
(8th morning); Anthem: "Since by  
man" Handel: Hymns 140, 439.

St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.  
Holy Communion at Morning Service.  
Morning Service at 11 a.m.—Hymns:  
Responses: Ferial: Venite, As set.  
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Six hours, ..... 100  
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If the trip is extended beyond Victoria,  
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a.m. the above fares shall be increased  
by 50 per centum.

## II.—Beyond Victoria, with four Bearers.

Hour, ..... 0.60 cents.  
Three hours, ..... \$1.00  
Six hours, ..... 1.50  
Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.), ..... 2.00

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## With 2 Bearers With 4 Bearers.

Quarter hour, ..... \$0.15  
Half hour, ..... 0.25  
One hour, ..... 0.30  
Two hours, ..... 0.50  
Three hours, ..... 0.70  
Six hours, ..... 1.00  
Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.), ..... 1.50  
Day (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.), ..... 2.00

## RICKSHAS.

## I.—In the Island of Hongkong if engaged in Victoria.

Ten minutes, ..... 5 cents.  
Quarter hour, ..... 10  
Half hour, ..... 15  
One hour, ..... 20  
Every subsequent hour, ..... 20

Note.—If the ricksha be engaged  
within the City of Victoria, and be dis-  
charged outside the Western part of the  
City of Victoria after 9 p.m., or be dis-  
charged to the East of Bay View Police  
Station on the Eastern side of the City  
of Victoria after 9 p.m., an extra half  
fare shall be chargeable.

## II.—In Kowloon.

Quarter hour, ..... 5 cents.  
Half hour, ..... 10  
Hour, ..... 15  
Every subsequent hour, ..... 10

## III.—Taipei Road.

Twenty cents shall be added  
for each extra hour or part  
of an hour if the hire causes  
the journey to take longer  
than—

## IV.—To 4th mile.

single ..... 75 cents. 1 hour.  
return ..... \$1.00. 2 hours.

## Beyond 4th to 6th mile—

single ..... \$1.50. 2 hours.  
return ..... \$2.00. 4 hours.

## Beyond 6th to 8th mile—

single ..... \$1.75. 2 hours.  
return ..... \$2.25. 4 hours.

## Beyond 8th to 11th mile—

single ..... \$2.00. 3 hours.  
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ment in each case.  
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From Slaughter House to  
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From Sailors' Home to  
Government Civil Hos-  
pital ..... 04  
From Government Civil  
Hospital to Clock Tower  
Hospital ..... 04  
From Clock Tower to Race  
Course ..... 10  
From Clock Tower to Bay  
View House ..... 12  
From Bay View House to  
Quarry Bay House ..... 08

## II.—In the City of Victoria.

Not exceeding  
per passenger.  
Quarter hour, ..... 10 cents.  
Half hour, ..... 15  
One hour, ..... 20  
Two hours, ..... 30  
Three hours, ..... 40  
Four ..... 50  
Five ..... 60  
Six ..... 70  
One day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$1.25

## III.—Beyond Victoria.

Not exceeding  
per passenger.  
One hour, ..... 25 cents.  
Two hours, ..... 45  
Three ..... 60  
Four ..... 75  
Five ..... 90  
Six ..... 100  
One day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$1.50

## IV.—In Kowloon.

Not exceeding  
per passenger.  
Quarter hour, ..... \$0.40  
Half hour, ..... .60  
One hour, ..... .80  
Two hours, ..... 1.40  
Three ..... 2.00  
Four ..... 2.60  
Five ..... 3.20  
Six ..... 3.80  
One day from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. 2.00

## V.—Between the hours of 8.30 p.m. and 6

a.m. the above fares shall be increased  
by 50 per centum.

## NEARLY MAD WITH WEeping ECZEMA

Face and Neck in Awful State.  
Itching Very Bad.

## HEALED BY CUTICURA

"My son's face and neck were in an awful  
bad state. They were covered with a thick  
crust of scales and the itching was very bad,  
and when he opened his mouth he nearly  
drove his hand. He had to leave his room  
at night. I was told it was weeping eczema."  
A neighbor who had been healed of a  
similar rash by Cuticura Soap and Ointment  
told me to use them. I sent for a free  
sample and then bought more and after  
using three tablets of Cuticura Soap and  
two boxes of Ointment he was healed."  
(Signed) Mrs. H. B. H. 2, New Chester St.,  
Derby, Eng., July 23, 1915.

Sample Each Free by Post  
With 25c. Skin Book. (Soap to cleanse  
and ointment to heal.) Address post-card  
for sample: N. W. Roberts & Sons, 27, Char-  
terhouse Sq., London. Sold everywhere.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Particulars of outgoing and incoming  
Mails will not be advertised in future.  
The Post Office will forward all corre-  
spondence posted by the fastest routes.

Correspondence addressed to enemy  
subjects in China, Siam, Liberia, Portu-  
guese East Africa, Persia and Morocco  
cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria,  
Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are  
suspended.

## LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILES

## OUTWARD.

## For Week-Days SUNDAYS &amp; HOLIDAYS

Tai O ..... 5.00 P.M.  
Tai Po ..... 10.00 A.M. 9.30 A.M.

Cheung Chow ..... 2.00 P.M.  
Shantankok, Sha-  
Shangshui ..... 4.00 P.M.

Aberdeen, Aitau,  
Ping Shan,  
Sai Kung,  
Santian, Stanley, 4.30 P.M.

Canton, Samsui, 7.30 A.M. 5.00 P.M.  
Regis, 5 P.M. and  
Wichow, Letters 5 P.M.

Macao ..... 7.15 A.M. 9.00 A.M.  
1.30 P.M.

Kongmoon ..... 6.00 P.M.  
Except Saturdays  
(Saturdays)

Namtan and  
Samsui ..... 6.00 P.M. 5.00 P.M.

Shamshui ..... 10.00 A.M. 9.00 A.M.  
4.00 P.M.

## FROM SHEUNGWAN WESTERN

## BRANCH P.O.

## For Week-Days SUNDAYS &amp; HOLIDAYS

Macao ..... 7.30 A.M. 7.30 A.M.  
1.30 P.M. 8.30 A.M. 1.30 P.M.

Canton ..... 7.30 A.M. 8.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M.  
8.30 P.M.

Tai Ping  
Tung ..... 9.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M. 8 P.M.

Shek Ki ..... 9.30 P.M. 8.30 P.M. 9.30 P.M.  
Kongmoon ..... 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M.

Kumchuk ..... 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M.  
Kaukong ..... 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M. 6.00 P.M.

Except  
Saturdays.

## In the case of Mails closing before 9

a.m. Registration closes at 5 o'clock on  
the previous evening.

## EXCHANGE

Hongkong, April 28, 1917.

On London—  
Bank Wire ..... 2/4  
On demand ..... 2/4 1/16  
30 days' sight ..... 2/4 1/2  
4 months' sight ..... 2/4 1/2 1/16  
Credits, 4 months' sight, 2/5  
Documentary, 4 months' sight 2/5 1/2

On Paris—  
On demand ..... 324  
Credits, 4 months' sight, 335

On New York—  
On demand ..... 56 1/2  
Credits, 60 days' sight, 56 1/2

On Bombay—  
Wire ..... nom.  
On demand ..... nom.

On Calcutta—  
Wire ..... nom.  
On demand ..... nom.

On Singapore—  
On demand ..... 10 1/4  
On Manila—  
On demand ..... 11 1/2

On Shanghai—  
On demand ..... nom.  
30 days' sight (private paper) ..... nom.

On Yokohama—  
On demand ..... 110 1/2  
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael) 48.10

Sovereigns (Bank's) (per tael) 83.30 n.  
Silver (per oz.) 37 1/2

Bar Silver in Hongkong ..... 17 1/2 nom.  
Chinese Copper Cash ..... 2 1/2 p.n.

Chinese Copper Cent ..... 2 1/2 p.n.  
Rate of Native Interest ..... 5 1/2 p.n.

Chinese Sub. Coin ..... 5 1/2 p.n.  
Hongkong Sub. Coin ..... par

## THE FRUIT SEASON.

POWELL complaint is sure to be  
prevalent during the fruit season.  
Be sure to keep a bottle of Chamberlain's  
Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy  
on hand. It may save a life. For sale  
by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

## WEATHER REPORT.

On the 28th at 12.10.—No returns  
from Japanese stations. With few  
exceptions, pressure has increased slight-  
ly to moderately at all stations reporting.  
A weak anticyclone covers China; the  
continental depression mentioned yester-  
day has probably moved rapidly  
north-eastward to the Sea of Japan.  
Fresh easterly winds will prevail over  
the north part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours  
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total  
since January 1st, 7.87 inches, against an  
average of 11.14 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at  
noon on the 29th April:—  
1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock: E. winds,  
moderate to fresh; cloudy.  
2.—Formosa Channel: N.E. winds,  
strong.  
3.—South coast of China between  
Hongkong and Lamooks: The same as  
No. 1.  
4.—South coast of China between  
Hongkong to Hainan: The same as  
No. 1.

OFFICIAL NIGHTS IN APRIL.  
The following table shows the Stan-  
dard Time at which Official Night ends  
and begins during the month of April,  
1917:—

| Date.                 | Ends.     | Begins. |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------|
| April 28th, 5.42 a.m. | 6.30 p.m. |         |
| " 29th, 5.41          | 6.30      |         |
| " 30th, 5.41          | 6.30      |         |

## ROYAL OBSERVATORY

## HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER

## REPORT.

APRIL 28, 1917.—A.M.

| Station.             | Hour. | Barometer<br>at Sea Level. | Temperature. | Humidity. | Direction. | Force. | Weather. |
|----------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------------|-----------|------------|--------|----------|
| Wai-<br>Tse-<br>Tung | 5 a.  | 29.81                      | 38           |           |            |        |          |
| Mem-<br>muro         | 5 a.  | 29.81                      | 38           |           |            |        |          |
| Hikokate             | 5 a.  | 29.81                      | 38           |           |            |        |          |
| Tsiki                | 5 a.  | 29.81                      | 38           |           |            |        |          |
| Nogata               | 5 a.  | 29.81                      | 38           |           |            |        |          |
| Kagoshima            | 5 a.  | 29.81                      | 38           |           |            |        |          |
| Oshima               | 5 a.  | 29.81                      | 38           |           |            |        |          |
| Naha                 | 5 a.  | 29.81                      | 38           |           |            |        |          |
| Ishijima             | 5 a.  | 29.81                      | 38           |           |            |        |          |
| Bonin Island         | 5 a.  | 29.81                      | 38           |           |            |        |          |
| Chafu                | 5 a.  | 29.81                      | 38           |           |            |        |          |
| Wichow               | 5 a.  | 29.81                      | 38           |           |            |        |          |